

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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TO : Col Tyson

DATE: 19 Nov 56

FROM : Mr. Reynolds

SUBJECT: Release of Info re New Site

Attached is copy of material
submitted to C/S in 1954 per your
request.

24 March 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Material for PIO, Department of Defense

1. It is my opinion that the following information may be presented to PIO, Department of Defense, for release to the press, concerning the movement of this organization to Fort George G. Meade, without compromising the security of the National Security Agency in any way.

a. The purpose of the move is to coordinate the activities of the National Security Agency into one central location. This will effect a saving in time and money and increase the efficiency of the organization.

b. The move will begin in January 1955 and, as construction progresses, will continue until some time in 1956.

c. Several thousand military and civilian employees will be affected by the move.

d. The construction will consist of one main building and several annexes.

e. The new site is located approximately one-half mile off the new Baltimore-Washington Expressway on the Fort Meade reservation. The distance from the new site to Baltimore, Maryland is 14 miles and to downtown Washington, 25 miles.

f. The Baltimore and Ohio Railway and the Pennsylvania Railroad have expressed interest in operating commuter trains from Baltimore and Washington to the Fort Meade area.

g. It is expected that most of the personnel will remain with the Agency regardless of the move. Positions of personnel who desire to separate as a result of the move will be filled by new personnel.

h. Housing in the Fort Meade area has been expanding rapidly in the past several years. It is believed the new Baltimore-Washington Expressway will eliminate, to a large degree, the mass exodus of personnel from the Washington area. Those personnel wishing to move to a closer proximity of the new site will find housing available within a fifteen-mile radius of Fort Meade. Military housing is being expanded at the Fort Meade station to care for additional military personnel.

2. It is recommended that the Personnel Relocation Task Unit supply pamphlets and brochures as produced to PIO through SEC and C/S for further information available to the general public through the press.

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